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SUBJECT: OECD INFORMATION POLICY GROUP (IPG) JOINT
MEETING WITH INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
(ITC) SUB GROUP OF AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON ECONOMIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

1. SUMMARY. IPG MET JOINTLY WITH ITC ON APRIL 7 AND
SEPARATELY APRIL 8 TO CONSIDER U.S. CONCEPT OF INTER-
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNO-
LOGICAL INFORMATION. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SHOWN BY
BOTH GROUPS. ITC REQUESTED IPG TO PREPARE BRIEF
POSITION PAPER ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ROLE OF INFOR-
MATION IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. PAPER GENERALLY PARA-
LLELS US VIEWS AND WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR FURTHER IPG
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ACTIVITY THIS AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. IPG OF OECD COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY MET JOINTLY WITH ITC DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 7. AGENDA ITEM 2(A) OF THAT MEETING WAS A CONSIDERATION OF THE USG PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION MADE AT THE UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. US DEL MADE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF US CONCEPT OF CENTER, EMPHASIZING LINKAGE OF EXISTING CAPABILITIES, BUT CAUTIONING THAT ACTUAL CENTER DESIGN NOW UNDERSTUDY BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL. RECEPTION WAS FAVORABLE, WITH QUESTIONS MAINLY CONCERNING HOW PROPRIETARY INFORMATION WOULD BE TAPPED, THE RELATION OF THE CENTER TO THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK, ITS CREATION, ETC.

4. ITC SUB GROUP REQUESTED IPG TO PREPARE WRITTEN OPINION ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR ITS USE IN CONNECTION WITH UNCTAD IV AND RELATED MEETINGS.

5. IPG THEN MET SEPARATELY AND BEGAN DISCUSSION BY GIVING TENTATIVE ANSWERS TO SIXTEEN QUESTIONS IN SECRETARIAT PAPER ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (DSTI/STINFO/76.6 - 22 MARCH 1976). GROUP THEN FURTHER QUERIED US DEL ON DETAILS OF OUR CENTER CONCEPT. GROUP FAVORABLE TO US PLAN AND OPENLY SCEPTICAL OF UNIDO BANK.

6. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON ADVISABILITY OF HAVING SINGLE NATIONAL INFORMATION CAPABILITY OR FOCAL POINT IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN LDCS. THE LATTER IS A KEY FEATURE OF OUR CONCEPT. SWITZERLAND AND OTHERS POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES OF CENTRAL POINT FOR INFORMATION REFERRALS IN THEIR COUNTRIES. US DEL MENTIONED SINGLE POINT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT BUT NOT ESSENTIAL.

7. DRAFTING GROUP (US, DENMARK, FRG) PREPARED FIRST VERSION OF IPG PAPER FOR ITC. EXACT TEXT NOT YET UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE SINCE PAPER BEING EDITED BY SECRETARIAT. WILL CABLE SOONEST. HIGHLIGHTS OF PAPER FOLLOW.

8. IN THE PREAMBLE THE PAPER:
(A) CONSIDERS IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPMENT; CONSIDERS IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION FLOW TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER; TAKES NOTE OF THE US CONCEPT OF THE CENTER AND OTHER PROPOSALS; POINTS OUT THE

CONCEPT OF COOPERATION WHICH HELPED BRING ABOUT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OECD COUNTRIES.
THEH THESE POINTS ARE MADE:
(B) EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER DEPENDS ON
DEVELOPING SELF-RELIANCE BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, AND
GOVERNMENTS OF OECD AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE PRIME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE ENSURING:

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- FINANCIHG FOR THIS MECHANISM
- ADEQUATE STAFFING
- CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- PARTICIPATION IN WORLDWIDE NETWORK.
(C) HOW EFFECTIVE THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS WILL
DEPEND ON HOW WELL THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN
DEFINED AND THE NEEDS OF THE USER IDENTIFIED.
(D) PROGRAMS MUST BE BASED ON NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES
AND REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP.

(E) A WELL-COORDINATED INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY
STRUCTURE IS ESSENTIAL FOR FOSTERING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

8. IPG POSITION IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS US POSITION.
PREPARATION OF THIS PAPER MAY BE TURNING POINT IN
ORIENTATION OF IPG WORK TOWARD PROBLEMS OF HIGH
PRIORITY IN OVERALL OECD PROGRAM.

9. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER ITC REQUEST, SECRETARIAT
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WILL PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPER FOR IPG GIVING DETAILS
OF OTHER PENDING INFORMATION-RELATED PROPOSALS,
NOTABLY THOSE FOR UNIDO BANK AND UN TECHNICAL KNOW-
LEDGE NETWORK BASED ON REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL TO
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT.
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